

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 360, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. William S. Bainbridge and Dr. Mildred Schwartz.

Program Directors for Sociology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1760.

Agenda: To review and evaluate the political science proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Date and Time: December 7-8, 1995; 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 320, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. Cheryl Eavey, Program Director for Methodology, Measurement and Statistic, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1729.

Agenda: To review and evaluate the Methodology, Measurement and Statistic proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Purpose of Meetings: To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed included information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: October 24, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 40-00672]

Nuclear Metals, Inc.: Concord, Massachusetts Holding Basin

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice: Receipt of amendment request for decommissioning the Nuclear Metals, Inc., Holding Basin in Concord, Massachusetts and opportunity for a hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering issuance of an amendment to Source Material License No. SMB-179, issued to Nuclear Metals, Inc. (NMI) to authorize decommissioning of the licensee's holding basin in Concord, Massachusetts. Successful implementation of the procedures described in the amendment request

would lead to removal of the material in the holding basin and remediation of adjacent soils to meet the current NRC criteria for release for unrestricted use. Remediation of any groundwater contamination and other site areas is not included in this action, but will be addressed as a separate matter.

DATES: Written comments on the amendment request should be received by November 30, 1995. Written comments received after November 30, 1995, will be considered if it is practical to do so.

Requests for hearing must be filed by November 27, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the amendment request should be sent to Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC. 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to 15455 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(e), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail, to:

(1) The applicant, Nuclear Metals, Inc., 2229 Main Street, Concord, Massachusetts 01742, Attention: Frank Vumbaco; and

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 or by mail addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marie Miller, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I, (610) 337-5205.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The licensee (NMI) requested an amendment, by letter dated August 15, 1995, to approve the Decommissioning Plan for the Holding Basin (DP) submitted with the letter. NMI manufactures products from depleted uranium and had until 1985, discharged liquid process materials containing copper and depleted uranium oxides and hydroxides into an unlined holding basin. The holding basin, situated in the south central section of the licensee's property and approximately 600 feet from the nearest residential property, contains approximately 350,000 pounds of depleted uranium and 700,000 pounds of copper.

The NRC staff reviewed, and by NRC letter dated March 24, 1994, concluded that the holding basin had been adequately characterized based on the Site Characterization Report for the Holding Basin Addendum I, dated January 6, 1994. Characterization of the groundwater and other onsite areas are

ongoing and will be addressed after removal of the holding basin materials.

The request before the NRC at this time is to approve the Decommissioning Plan for the Holding Basin which, if properly implemented and completed, will lead to removal of the contents of the holding basin and unrestricted use of the area. The DP indicates that an enclosure will be constructed to minimize the potential for infiltration of sludge constituents into the ground water, and to contain any potential airborne sludge material. All low level radioactive waste will be transported by truck to a low level radioactive waste disposal facility. NMI indicates the remediation activities will begin by April 1, 1996, if they can obtain the necessary approval from NRC and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and will take about 16 months to complete.

The NRC hereby requests public comments and provides notice of an opportunity for a hearing on the license amendment under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with § 2.1205(c). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this Federal Register notice. In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

(1) The interest of the requestor in the proceeding;

(2) How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(g);

(3) The requestor's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

(4) The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(c).

In addition to offering the opportunity for a hearing, as required by regulation, NRC is inviting public comment on the amendment request early in the review process and prior to acting on the request. NRC considers public involvement and comment more meaningful prior to authorizing decommissioning activities at the site.

The application for amendment request is available for inspection at the

Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20555, at NRC's Region I offices located at 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406 or at the Concord Free Public Library, 129 Main Street, Concord, MA 01742. Persons desiring to review documents at the Region I Office, should call Ms. Sheryl Villar at (610) 337-5239 several days in advance to assure that the documents will be readily available for review.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of October, 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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*Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning
Projects Branch, Division of Waste
Management, Office of Nuclear Material
Safety and Safeguards.*
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[Docket No. 50-029]

**Yankee Nuclear Power Station;
Consideration of Issuance of an Order
and Opportunity for a Hearing**

A. Introduction.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.105(a)(9), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("the Commission") hereby gives notice that it is considering issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.82(e) to the Yankee Atomic Electric Company ("YAEC," the licensee), for the Yankee Nuclear Power Station ("Yankee NPS"), located in Franklin County, Massachusetts. The order would involve approval of the Yankee NPS decommissioning plan as it relates to the decommissioning of the remaining portions of the Yankee NPS. The Commission initially approved the plan, see (60 FR 11699; February 22, 1995), but that approval is no longer considered effective in view of the reinstatement of the pre-1993 interpretation of the Commission's decommissioning regulations as a result of a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. See *Citizens Awareness Network v. NRC*, 39 F.3d 284 (1st Cir. 1995).

On October 12, 1995, the Commission issued a Memorandum and Order, CLI-95-14, in which it announced that it would issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing on the licensee's decommissioning plan and the application of that plan to the completion of the decommissioning of the Yankee NPS. The Commission also announced in CLI-95-14 that it would "direct an expedited hearing process in this case."

The licensee is the holder of facility Possession Only License No. DPR-3 that was issued on August 5, 1992. All spent fuel has been removed from the reactor and placed in the plant's spent fuel pool. In addition, a large portion of the non-fuel radioactive inventory has also been removed from the reactor and either placed in the spent fuel pool or shipped to an off-site disposal facility. These activities have been taken in accordance with either the licensee's previously-approved decommissioning plan, which was filed with the Commission by a letter dated December 20, 1993, or with a component removal program undertaken by the licensee before the NRC's previous approval of the decommissioning plan.

By issuance of this order, the licensee would be authorized to complete the decommissioning of the Yankee NPS facility in accordance with the plan. Under that plan, YAEC intends (1) to dismantle the plant except for those systems that are required for safe maintenance of the Spent Fuel Pool; (2) to dismantle the spent fuel pool when other options for fuel and high level waste storage and/or removal become available; (3) to ship contaminated and radioactive materials, including the intact pressure vessel along with some insulation, to a low level waste facility; and (4) to decontaminate the site so that it can be released for unrestricted use.

B. Requests for Hearing and Petitions for Leave to Intervene

By November 27, 1995, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the order to the subject facility. During that same period, any other person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file both a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2, and the special instructions provided in this notice.

This notice provides a brief overview of the requirements in 10 CFR 2.714. However, the fact that a requirement is not addressed in this notice does not excuse compliance with that requirement. Each person seeking to participate in this proceeding is responsible for complying with all applicable requirements. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L

Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555-0001, or the NRC Local Public Document Room, located at the Greenfield Community College, 1 College Drive, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301.

If a request for hearing or a petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, either the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition, and either the Secretary of the Commission or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, both a request for hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of that proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which the petitioner wishes to intervene.

C. Filing of Contentions

The Commission has determined to take several steps to expedite this proceeding. The first step toward expediting this proceeding is to require that all contentions be filed at the same time as petitions for leave to intervene. Accordingly, any person who files a request for hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall, at the same time, submit a supplement to the petition for leave to intervene which must include a list of contentions which are sought to be litigated in the proceeding. The Commission will issue additional directions to expedite this proceeding where appropriate in the future.

Potential petitioners should not be prejudiced by this requirement because the documents which would give rise to potential disputes are already in existence and in the public domain. For example, the licensee has prepared an Environmental Review of the decommissioning plan and the NRC Staff has prepared both an